

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S6885–S6935*

**Measures Introduced:** Sixteen bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2033–2048, and S. Res. 315–318. **Pages S6923–24**

#### Measures Reported:

S. 1586, to require the Under Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere to update periodically the environmental sensitivity index products of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration for each coastal area of the Great Lakes, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 115–180)

S. 1015, to require the Federal Communications Commission to study the feasibility of designating a simple, easy-to-remember dialing code to be used for a national suicide prevention and mental health crisis hotline system, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S6923**

#### Measures Passed:

**Iran Prisoners:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 245, calling on the Government of Iran to release unjustly detained United States citizens and legal permanent resident aliens. **Page S6931**

**National Bison Day:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 315, designating November 4, 2017, as National Bison Day. **Page S6931**

**National Native American Heritage Month:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 316, recognizing National Native American Heritage Month and celebrating the heritages and cultures of Native Americans and the contributions of Native Americans to the United States. **Page S6931**

**Senate Black Legislative Staff Caucus 40th Anniversary:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 317, celebrating the 40th anniversary of the Senate Black Legislative Staff Caucus and its achievements in the Senate. **Page S6931**

#### Appointments:

**Virgin Islands of the United States Centennial Commission:** The Chair announced, on behalf of the Democratic Leader, pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 114–224, the appointment of the fol-

lowing individual to serve as a member of the Virgin Islands of the United States Centennial Commission: Senator Nelson. **Page S6931**

**Message from the President:** Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the continuation of the national emergency relative to the actions and policies of the Government of Sudan as declared in Executive Order 13067 of November 3, 1997; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–18) **Pages S6920–21**

**Larsen Nomination—Agreement:** Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Joan Louise Larsen, of Michigan, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit. **Page S6908**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 60 yeas to 38 nays (Vote No. 256), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S6908**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding Rule XXII, that at 11:30 a.m., on Wednesday, November 1, 2017, there be 30 minutes of post-cloture time remaining on the nomination, equally divided between the Leaders, or their designees, and that following the use or yielding back of that time, Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination. **Page S6931**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination, post-cloture, at approximately 10 a.m., on Wednesday, November 1, 2017. **Page S6931**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 55 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. EX. 255), Amy Coney Barrett, of Indiana, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit.

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- 3 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.
- 47 Army nominations in the rank of general.
- 2 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Foreign Service, Marine Corps, and Navy.

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—256) Page S6908

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:35 p.m., until 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, November 1, 2017. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6934.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### RECENT NAVY COLLISIONS AT SEA

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee received a closed briefing on recent Navy collisions at sea from Admiral John M. Richardson, USN, Chief of Naval Operations, and Admiral Philip S. Davidson, USN, Commander, United States Fleet Forces Command, both of the Department of Defense.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Leon A. Westmoreland, of Georgia, to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors, who was introduced by Senator Isakson, Raymond Martinez, of New Jersey, to be Administrator of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Diana Furchtgott-Roth, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation, and Bruce Landsberg, of South Carolina, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### NATIVE AMERICAN SUBSISTENCE RIGHTS

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard concluded a hearing to examine exploring Native American subsistence rights and international treaties, after receiving testimony from Mayor Harry Brower, North Slope Borough of Alaska, and John Hopson Jr., and Robert Suydam, both of the Alaska Eskimo Whaling Commission, all of

Barrow; and Warren C. Swartz, Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, Baraga, Michigan.

### ADVANCED BUILDING MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL SYSTEMS

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine new efficiency opportunities provided by advanced building management and control systems, after receiving testimony from Daniel R. Simmons, Acting Assistant Secretary, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, and Jud Virden, Associate Laboratory Director, Energy and Environment, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, both of the Department of Energy; Bruno C. Grunau, Cold Climate Housing Research Center, Fairbanks, Alaska; Tracy West, Southern Company, Birmingham, Alabama; and John Wallace, Emerson Commercial and Residential Solutions, Kennesaw, Georgia.

### FEDERAL RESPONSE TO 2017 HURRICANE SEASON OVERSIGHT

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the 2017 hurricane season, focusing on the Federal response, after receiving testimony from William B. Long, Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security; Robert G. Salesses, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Homeland Defense Integration and Defense Support of Civil Authorities, and Major General Donald E. Jackson, USA, Deputy Commanding General for Civil and Emergency Operations, Army Corps of Engineers, both of the Department of Defense; and Robert Kadlec, Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response, Department of Health and Human Services.

### 2020 CENSUS

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the 2020 Census, focusing on cost overruns, information security, and accuracy, including actions needed to mitigate key risks jeopardizing a cost-effective enumeration, after receiving testimony from Wilbur Ross, Secretary, and Ron S. Jarmin, Acting Director, Census Bureau, both of the Department of Commerce; and Gene L. Dodaro, Comptroller General of the United States, Government Accountability Office.

### 21ST CENTURY CURES ACT

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine implementation of the 21st Century Cures Act, focusing on achieving the promise of health information technology, after receiving testimony from P. Jon White,

Deputy National Coordinator, Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology, Kate Goodrich, Director, Center for Clinical Standards and Quality, and Chief Medical Officer, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, and James A. Cannatti III, Senior Counselor for Health Information Technology, Office of Inspector General, all of the Department of Health and Human Services.

### EXTREMIST CONTENT AND RUSSIAN DISINFORMATION ONLINE

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Crime and Terrorism concluded a hearing to examine extremist content and Russian disinformation online, focusing on working with tech to find solutions, after receiving testimony from Colin Stretch, Facebook, Menlo Park, California; Sean J. Edgett, Twitter, Inc., San Francisco, California; Richard

Salgado, Google, Mountain View, California; Clint Watts, Foreign Policy Research Institute, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and Michael S. Smith II, Charleston, South Carolina.

### NOMINATION

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of John C. Demers, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

### INTELLIGENCE

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 32 public bills, H.R. 4168–4199; and 6 resolutions, H.J. Res. 120 and H. Res. 594–598 were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

**Pages H8295–96**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 849, to repeal the provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act providing for the Independent Payment Advisory Board, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–373, Part 1);

H.R. 3903, to amend the Securities Act of 1933 to expand the ability to use testing the waters and confidential draft registration submissions, and for other purposes, with amendments (H. Rept. 115–374);

H.R. 1585, to amend the Securities Act of 1933 to codify certain qualifications of individuals as accredited investors for purposes of the securities laws, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–375);

H.R. 1224, to amend the National Institute of Standards and Technology Act to implement a framework, assessment, and audits for improving United States cybersecurity, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–376);

H.R. 3043, to modernize hydropower policy, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–377, Part 1); and

H. Res. 595, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2936) to expedite under the National En-

vironmental Policy Act of 1969 and improve forest management activities on National Forest System lands, on public lands under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management, and on Tribal lands to return resilience to overgrown, fire-prone forested lands, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–378).

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**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Ferguson to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 12:19 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 2:04 p.m. and reconvened at 5 p.m.

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**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

**National Forest System Vegetation Management Pilot Program Act of 2017:** H.R. 2921, to establish a vegetation management pilot program on National Forest System land to better protect utility infrastructure from passing wildfire;

**Pages H8280–82**

**Kisatchie National Forest Land Conveyance Act:** H.R. 2941, to provide for the conveyance of certain National Forest System land within Kisatchie National Forest in the State of Louisiana;

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**Authorizing the purchase of a small parcel of Natural Resources Conservation Service property in Riverside, California, by the Riverside Corona**

**Resource Conservation District:** H.R. 3567, to authorize the purchase of a small parcel of Natural Resources Conservation Service property in Riverside, California, by the Riverside Corona Resource Conservation District; and **Pages H8283–84**

**South Carolina Peanut Parity Act of 2017:** H.R. 2521, to amend the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to include South Carolina as a part of the Virginia/Carolina peanut producing region for purposes of appointment to the Peanut Standards Board, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 394 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 591. **Pages H8284–85**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 5:26 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H8285**

**Presidential Message:** Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency declared with respect to Sudan is to continue in effect beyond November 3, 2017—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 115–75). **Page H8285**

**Senate Referral:** S. Con. Res. 28 was held at the desk.

**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H8280.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** One yeas-and-nays vote developed during the proceedings of today and appears on pages H8285–86. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### RESILIENT FEDERAL FORESTS ACT OF 2017

**Committee on Rules:** Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 2936, the “Resilient Federal Forests Act of 2017”. The Committee granted, by record vote of 7–3, a structured rule for H.R. 2936. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided among and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Agriculture and the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule makes in order as original text for the purpose of amendment an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 115–36 and provides that it shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against that amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule makes in order only those further amendments printed in the Rules Committee report. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by

a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Bishop of Utah and Representative Lucas.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2017

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

**Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:** business meeting to consider the nominations of David J. Ryder, of New Jersey, to be Director of the Mint, Department of the Treasury, and Hester Maria Peirce, of Ohio, and Robert J. Jackson, Jr., of New York, both to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the nominations of Scott Garrett, of New Jersey, to be President, Kimberly A. Reed, of West Virginia, to be First Vice President, Mark L. Greenblatt, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, and Spencer Bachus III, of Alabama, Judith Delzoppo Pryor, of Ohio, and Claudia Slacik, of New York, each to be a Member of the Board of Directors, all of the Export-Import Bank, 10 a.m., SD–538.

**Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:** to hold hearings to examine the nominations of James Bridenstine, of Oklahoma, to be Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Dana Baiocco, of Ohio, to be a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission, and Nazakhtar Nikakhtar, of Maryland, and Neil Jacobs, of North Carolina, both to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce, 10 a.m., SR–253.

**Committee on Foreign Relations:** to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Irwin Steven Goldstein, of New York, to be Under Secretary for Public Diplomacy, Rebecca Eliza Gonzales, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Lesotho, Lisa A. Johnson, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Namibia, James Randolph Evans, of Georgia, to be Ambassador to Luxembourg, and Sean P. Lawler, of Maryland, to be Chief of Protocol, and to have the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service, all of the Department of State, 10 a.m., SD–419.

Subcommittee on Multilateral International Development, Multilateral Institutions, and International Economic, Energy, and Environmental Policy, to hold hearings to examine energy and international development, 2:30 p.m., SD–419.

*Committee on Indian Affairs*: to hold an oversight hearing to examine building tribal economies, focusing on modernizing tax policies that work for Indian country, 2:30 p.m., SD-628.

*Committee on the Judiciary*: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Leonard Steven Grasz, of Nebraska, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit, Terry A. Doughty, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Louisiana, Terry Fitzgerald Moorer, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Alabama, and Mark Saalfield Norris, Sr., to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Tennessee, 10 a.m., SD-226.

*Select Committee on Intelligence*: to hold hearings to examine social media influence in the 2016 United States elections, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

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*Committee on Appropriations*, Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, oversight hearing entitled “Accountable Soft Power in the National Interest”, 10:30 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*, Subcommittee on Digital Commerce and Consumer Protection, hearing entitled “Securing Consumers’ Credit Data in the Age of Digital Commerce”, 10:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, hearing entitled “Oversight of FirstNet: State Perspectives”, 10:40 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services*, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Examining the Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery Program”, 10:30 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing entitled “Data Security: Vulnerabilities and Opportunities for Improvement”, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “An Insider’s Look at the North Korean Regime”, 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law, hearing entitled “Net Neutrality and the Role of Antitrust”, 10:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice, hearing on H.R. 490, the “Heartbeat Protection Act of 2017”, 11:30 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security, hearing entitled “Oversight of the Executive Office for Immigration Review”, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform*, Subcommittee on National Security, hearing entitled “Overview of 16 Years of Involvement in Afghanistan”, 10:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Rules*, Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 849, the “Protecting Seniors’ Access to Medicare Act of 2017”; and H.R. 3922, the “Community Health And Medical Professionals Improve Our Nation Act of 2017”, 3 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology*, Subcommittee on Energy, hearing entitled “The Future of Low Dose Radiation Research”, 10:30 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, Russia Investigative Task Force, hearing entitled “Impact of Russian Advertisements on Social Media”, 2 p.m., HVC-210.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

10 a.m., Wednesday, November 1

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

10 a.m., Wednesday, November 1

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Wednesday:** Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Joan Louise Larsen, of Michigan, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit, post-cloture, and vote on confirmation of the nomination at approximately 12 noon.

Following disposition of the nomination of Joan Louise Larsen, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Allison H. Eid, of Colorado, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit.

## House Chamber

**Program for Wednesday:** Begin consideration of H.R. 2936—Resilient Federal Forests Act of 2017 (Subject to a Rule). Consideration of measures under suspension of the Rules.

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